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QUICK QUIZ

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Older adults are at high risk for death or severe injury from fire. Read the issue and answer True or False to the questions below

- 1. Alzheimer's disease and dementia can impair a person's vision, depth perception, hearing, sense of smell and sensation to heat, as well as their judgment, which can make it difficult to respond to a fire. T
- 2. The kitchen is one of the most dangerous rooms in the home and most kitchen fires occur when food is left unattended on the stove or in the oven. T F
- 3. People over the age of 80 die in fires at a rate three times higher than the rest of the population. T F
- 4. Electric space heaters are especially safe and do not cause fires. T F
- 5. Medication may affect a senior's ability to make quick decisions. T F
- 6. Never throw water on a grease fire to put it out. T F
- 7. Oxygen tanks are especially dangerous in a fire, so never allow smoking near an oxygen tank. T F
- 8. Smoke alarms should be near or in every bedroom. T F
- 9. The fire department can suggest escape plan ideas, perform a home fire safety inspection, and offer suggestions about smoke alarm placement and maintenance. T F
- 10. Alzheimer's care requires extra caution, so be sure matches and cigarettes are out of reach. Consider installing a shut-off valve (for a gas stove) or a circuit breaker for an electric stove so the stove cannot start a fire at night. T

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